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**From:** Brogden, Rose  
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**Subject:** Re: ...lack of transparency ...demand comprehensive answers ...compensate ...Animas River Disaster

EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the Gold King Mine Release. EPA is sharing information as quickly as possible with the public as experts work to evaluate any effects the spill may have on drinking water, public health, agriculture, fish and wildlife.

Please see our website for the latest information: <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

Regular updates will be posted as they are available.

EPA Hotline: 844-607-9700 (toll-free)

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**From:** Sawyer Connelly (Alum) <Sawyer.Connelly@ColoradoCollege.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:30 PM  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Sawyer Connelly and I am a resident of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, CO. I am a recent graduate of Colorado College.

I am writing you to express my concern with the recent wastewater spill in the Animas River. As an avid angler, outdoors enthusiast, and a resident of Colorado, I am greatly saddened to see such an act of environmental negligence happen in my state. I am greatly concerned by the lack of transparency displayed by the U.S. Government and the EPA in regards to answering the questing surrounding this disaster. As a United States Citizen I demand comprehensive answers as to how this disaster occurred? Why so little has been done in the wake to stop the spillage? And what the EPA plans to do to compensate the people and species of Colorado and downstream in New Mexico who have been affected in the wake of such a tragedy?

Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sawyer Connelly